Hazard allowance @ 15% of basic pay under FR 9 (25) to scientists posted in such duties.

Special compensatory allowance for additional higher responsibility under FR-25@ Rs. 5000/- p.m. to Directors, Rs. 10,000/- p.m. to Chief Controllers/ Outstanding/Distinguished Scientists and Rs. 20,000/- p.m. to Scientific Advisor to Raksha Mantri and Secretary Defence (R&D).

Air move on all duties to scientists.

Filed trial allowance of Rs. 500/- per day during the trials conducted at remote places on Ships/Helicopter/submarine etc. in addition to normal D.A.

Remote area allowance of Rs. 3000/- p.m. or free rations and facilities as applicable to Service Officers posted there.

Sharing of royalty of commercialized products on the lines of CSIR.

Reward for systems introduced in the Services @ 1% of production value.

As an incentive to promote innovation, one time reward of Rs. 10,000/- for patents approved and paper published in Referred Journals.

Financial assistance of Rs. I lakh for attending International conference once in 2 years.

Sabbatical leave of two years in two spells for scientists who have completed 10 years of service.

Enhancement of Study Leave from 24 months to 36 months and extension by 12 months more with combination of other kind of leave.

Living allowance of Rs. 3000/- when detailed for course of study beyond 180 days.

Permission to hold adjunct appointment for scientist having completed 20 years service not exceeding one month in a year and accept honorarium/fee thereof.

Medical insurance in addition to CGHS.

Life insurance for scientist/staff during hazardous trials.

Enhancement of age of superannuation to 62 years and selectively to 65 years for experts.

VRS (with Golden Handshake) for scientists who have completed 20 years service to facilitate migration to industries and to generate committed defence production.

Contractual appointment for experts proposed for Technical, Administration & Allied Categories.

Cost escalation of admiral Gorshkov

2526. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indo-Russian deal for the aircraft carrier-Admiral Gorshkov (Rechristened

as INS Vikramaditya) scheduled to be delivered in 2008, is likely to cost heavily beyond the commitment besides causing abnormal delay in delivery;

(b) if so, whom can this fault be attributed to India or Russia;

(c) how much cost escalation would occur; and

(d) whether the U.S. aircraft carrier USS Nimitz under U.S.-lndia defence deal, is likely to be decommissioned soon?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) to (d) The Russian side has submitted a revised Master Schedule indicating a delay in the project and an increase in price for repair and re-equipping of ex-Admiral Gorshkov. The process of the examination of the scope and necessity for additional work projected by Russian side has been initiated.

No verifiable information is available regarding whether USS aircraft carrier Nimitiz is likely to be decommissioned.

Pension to Ex-jawans/ex-servicemen

2527. PROF. P. J. KURIEN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that M.Ps.' and M.L.As.' who are completing one term *i.e.* five years, are getting pensions;

(b) whether it is also a fact that ex-jawans/ex-servicemen who have completed upto 14 years are not getting pension;

(c) whether Government considers it an injustice and anomaly;

(d) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(e) the action Government would like to ensure that ex-jawans/ex-servicemen of above five years service also get pension?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRYOF DEFENCE (SHRI MM. PALLAM RAJU): (a) As per the 'Salary, Allowances and Pension of Members of Parliament (Amendment) Act, 2006', a pension of Rs. 8,000/- per mensem shall be paid to every person, who has served for any period as a member of the Provisional Parliament or either House of Parliament. The pension of M.L.A.s is regulated by the respective State legislatures details of which are not maintained in the Ministry.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. As per provisions, the minimum qualifying service required to earn service pension is 20 years for Commissioned Officers and 15 years for Personnel Below Officer Rank. No change in the existing policy is presently contemplated by the Government.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. MPs/MLAs and ex-jawans/ex-servicemen belong to different categories, which are not comparable, being governed by separate set of rules.

Establishment of Oceanarium complex and marine theme park

2528. SHRI K.E. ISMAIL: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kerala Government has submitted a project to establish an Oceanarium complex and Marine Theme Park for facilitating end strengthening the advanced research